

**Simulation of the Commemorative
Marker Pedestal with new
landscaping and trash receptacle.**



13" x 19" Bronze Plaque

The City Seal was
designed by
REX BRANDT
and adopted by the
City Council in 1957.

Ripples of water symbolize
the ocean and bay.

Sailboats glide through the
waters of our recreational
and yachting resort.

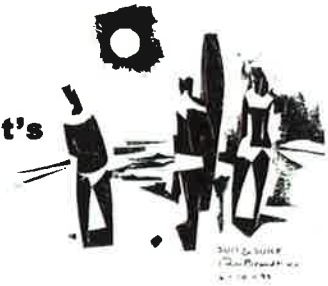
Two albacore represent the
city's origin as a fishing
village.

The surrounding circle with
four cardinal compass points
unites the nautical theme.



BLUE SKY

Rex & Joan Brandt's
Studio
and
Residence



Blue Sky, once located on the bluff to the right, was the home and studio of California Scene painters Rex Brandt (1914-2000) and Joan Irving Brandt (1916-1995). For nearly 40 years, Blue Sky was the site of the Summer School of Painting, where Rex and Joan instructed countless students in the art of watercolor painting.

The Brandts and Blue Sky are a significant part of Newport Beach's artistic heritage. Rex was acclaimed as an artist, teacher, and writer. He is considered to be one of the central figures in California art during the mid-20th century. Joan is nationally recognized for her work depicting local scenes, and her sensitive portraits of women and children. Both Rex and Joan served on the Library Board of Trustees during the 1940s and 1950s, and were active in the founding of the Newport Harbor Art Museum.

It was at Blue Sky where Brandt and Irving were able to create the elegant, naturalistic paintings that captured the feel and beauty of mid-century California for which they are renowned.

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